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On October 3, POL/ECON Off delivered reftel points to Gracas Freitas, Department of Infectious Disease at the Portuguese Directorate General of Health, encouraging high-level attendance at Egypt's upcoming Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza. Reftel points were also delivered to Goncalo Silvestre, International Political Organizations Department at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Carlos Agrela Pinheiro, Director General for Veterinary in the Ministry of Agriculture. No substantive comments or commitments were offered regarding high-level attendance, however Portugal has been well represented in the past at such conferences and is generally engaged on an international level with the issue of avian and pandemic influenza.  
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